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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SHLAUDEMAN

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SUBJECT: TRENDS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE.

1. WE PLAN TO PREPARE THIS MONTH'S TRENDS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE. WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED SOME POSTS ABOUT INDICATIONS ON COORDINATION OR COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES OR GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA. OUR INTENTION IS TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT ABOUT:

- THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MILITARY REGIMES;
- THE EXTENT OF THE COMMUNIST AND SUBVERSIVE THREAT IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES;
- THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OVER THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR;
- THE OUTLOOK FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HUMAN RIGHTS;
- THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IDEOLOGICAL GAP WIDENING BETWEEN THE MILITARY REGIMES OF THE SOUTH AND DEMOCRACIES OF THE NORTH/CARRIBEAN AREA;

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- THE POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL CONFLICT (CHILE/PERU).

2. A CENTERPIECE OF THE DISCUSSION WILL BE ARGENTINA AND THE IMPACT OF ITS CURRENT DIFFICULTIES ON ITS NEIGHBORS. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF U.S. POLICY IMPLICATIONS, SUCH AS:

-- WHERE DO WE GO ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE?
-- WHAT SHOULD OUR STANCE BE ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS AND REFUGEES?

3. ANY THOUGHTS ANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL TO US. REPLIES ARE NOT REQUIRED. WE WOULD PREFER ANALYSIS AND BREVITY, BUT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME. KISSINGER

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